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Hongkong, 8th March, 1904. [a161]

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On the 5th March, at St. John's Cathedral, at 4
p.m., by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, M.A., GENTLEMAN
TO THE REV. SAM TURNER NEELY, of Paris, Kon-
tucky, U.S.A.

On the 12th November, at Victoria, B.C., ALEX-
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On the 15th February, at Newchwang, by the
Rev. Jas. Carson, the Rev. WILLIAM MACHAU-
GAN, M.A., U.F. Mission, Linoyang, to ISABEL M.
PHILIP, B.A., I.P. Mission, Moukden.

DEATHS.

On the 20th January, at Croydon, G. M. LIND,
of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, aged 60
years.

At No. 6, Dent Lane, Shanghai, José CYRILLO
D'ACQUINO, aged 60 years.

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 8TH MARCH, 1904

HONESTY and a scrupulous adherence to promises once made, even if a momentary loss be the seeming result, constitute with nations, as with individuals, the wisest and most economical policy in the long run. With Russia both have been conspicuously absent, and though in diplomacy it has not been considered good form to draw the attention of the other Government to sins against the ninth commandment, there has been a general feeling that the time was not far distant when Russia would begin to feel in her own person the ill effects of her recent policy of bad faith. To the outsider it seemed strange that any nation gifted with a particle of self-respect should have permitted itself to be made the mouthpiece for such astounding falsehoods as Russia has thought it compatible with her dignity recently to give utterance to. We may instance the continual and perfectly gratuitous lies about the evacuation of Manchuria. Three times in the most solemn manner did Russia engage herself to the world at large to leave Manchuria on a specific date; three times did she, in the face of these engagements, make no scruple to remain, as if nothing had happened that the most fastidious

could take exception to. Three times, too, the other nations of the world looked on with the most supreme indifference; as if lying were so much the custom with each and all that all, like the crowd in the parable, shrank from being the first to throw a stone at her.

We have been led into this train of thought by a recent utterance of Lord LANSDOWNE in the House of Lords. Russia, in the very act of making her last silly brag that, if England persevered in her advance in Tibet, she would "make it hot" for her, was caught out by Japan in Russia's own stronghold, and made to display before the world how false had been all her boasting and how little her talk coincided with her internal rotteness. Never had been a more complete *exposé* of a system of deliberate deception and falsehood, and the rest of the nations were fairly laughing in their sleeves at the curious contrast between Russia, as she had seemed only the week before, and Russia as she was exhibited in her naked unloveliness at the moment. It might have been expected that under the conditions Lord LANSDOWNE, if he condescended to make any reply whatever, would have replied to the effect that if the British Commissioner found any emissary of Russia at Lhasa engaged in any secret intrigue, he had instructions to act summarily, in accordance with international laws. Instead of this we find our Foreign Office going through the farce of offering to enter into an arrangement with Russia, actually condoning the insult, and impliedly acknowledging that Russia had some business to be there at all. It is not indeed going too far to say that these foolish and uncalled-for attempts to arrest the progress of Russia have never had but one effect; and that is, in convincing her that we have been actuated in all by but one motive—and that is a craven fear that after all the vapourings of Russia are something to be afraid of.

Far better, and in the long run more dignified, if we had plucked up heart of grace, even at the risk of being hard hit; and not left it for Japan to boast that of all the nations she was the first, and unassisted, to prick the overblown bubble that had carried consternation through the whole civilised world. In private life we naturally refuse to hold intercourse with a man who habitually disregards his word. It is, of course, impossible to carry the principle into action between States, which are far too few in number to permit us to pick and choose. There is not, however, any occasion to make agreements with such a State, which, while binding on the one side, on the other are looked upon as merely momentary conveniences to be kept or broken as may at the instant seem to offer the greater advantage commercial or political. The nation that conscientiously fulfils its engagement is here at a serious disadvantage when it undertakes to enter into negotiations. In addition to her propensity, too, for repudiation Russia has another equally bad custom of interpreting all agreements according to her own point of view. A characteristic example of this has recently been enacted at Shanghai, where, in spite of an agreement for respecting the neutrality of China, Russia has been keeping in Chinese waters an armed cruiser with a full crew, and refusing to give any engagement that she will not be used for the purpose of levying war till the Japanese, tired with continual protests and promises, threatened to come up the river and sink her as she lay in front of the Foreign Settlements. With the same breath, apparently unable to distinguish the incompatibility of her actions with her professions, she complained of Japan having sent to Woosung a cruiser to watch her operations. It is very evident, and should be perfectly clear to our Foreign Office, that in such a case any arrangement which binds the one party, while it practically leaves the other unfettered, only multiplies the points of friction; and so far from tending to promote friendly relations, only aggravates the present incompatibilities. In cases like the present, where the incompatibility of the views of the two nations is so great, it may very well be a moot point whether the farce of diplomatic relations had not better be abandoned between London and S. Petersburg. A means of communication which only leads to such insulting passages as have recently marked our intercourse can not in any way have a tendency to make for peace or for a better understanding. Our way would actually be clearer, and our capacity for settling rights difficulties easier, were all our business with S. Petersburg to be conducted through a consular agent. In such a case we should perfectly comprehend the position in each case, which under our present system seems to be an impossibility. At all events,

the time has come for dropping diplomatic speech, and reverting to such plain language that Russia cannot plead any misunderstanding of its intent. To clothe our thought in periphrastic language, is in such cases unkind both to Russia and ourselves, inasmuch as it leaves the gate open to further talk and so proportionately increases the friction of a badly geared intercourse.

The first steamer of the season reached Tientsin Bund on the morning of the 1st inst. She was the Hamburg-American liner *s.s. Tsin-tau*.

The following appointment has been made at the Admiralty:—Lieutenant: R. T. Dow, to the *Tamar*, for the *Fame*, temporary, to date October 28th, 1903.

Mr. John Goodnow, U. S. Consul-General at Shanghai, accompanied by his wife, arrived in the Northern port on the 1st inst. and has resumed his duties.

Over a dozen well-known war correspondents for English and American papers left Tokyo at the beginning of March, in despair of being able to get any independent news or to go to the front.

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 6th March, were 231 non-Chinese and 97 Chinese to the former and 65 non-Chinese and 3,319 Chinese to the latter institution.

The German Legation in Peking has received an official Russian communication according to which there is no more mail for German Post Offices anywhere in Manchuria. All mail matter has been forwarded either via Yinkow, Chinwangtao, or Port Arthur, where it was received by the *Hansa*.

At a great patriotic demonstration at Warsaw, Poland, last month a well-known patriot—Count Dembsky—suddenly became demented, firing upon the assembly, killing three and wounding twenty other persons. He then attempted to commit suicide, but was seized by the police.

The N.Y.K. is resuming its service of mails between Japan and Shanghai, starting with the *Yawata Maru*, formerly in Australian service, which was expected in Shanghai from Yokohama last Wednesday morning with Japanese mails. She was to leave again on Saturday morning.

On the 1st inst. the Japanese general elections passed off quietly. An extraordinary session of the Diet is convened for the 18th inst., to last ten days. It is expected that all taxes are to be raised more or less. Taxes on salt and on silk are also proposed, but this is not yet decided. The Customs tariff remains untouched.

It is announced from Algiers that the French destroyers *Mousquet*, *Fronde*, *Javeline*, and *Pistolet*, escorted by the cruiser *D'Assas*, have left for Saigon. The *D'Assas* is a second-class cruiser of 4,000 tons' displacement, 9,500 indicated horse-power, 31 guns, and 19.25 knots' speed, completed at S. Nazaire in 1893.

Statements have again been made recently that the Sultan of Johore is negotiating with the British Government with a view of placing his dominions under their control, receiving in return a large annuity. These rumours have gained currency in the Straits and India, but there is no corroboration of the rumour at home.

There has been issued from the Statistical Department of the Customs at Shanghai a copy of the *Customs Gazette* for the fourth quarter of last year. The comparative statement of the total amount of dues and duties collected during the quarter in 1903 and 1902 is as under, in Haikwan taels:—

1903.	1902.
Chinese ports	7,899,888 8,177,894
Kowloon and Lappa	136,600 157,114
Lungchow, Mengtsze, Sze- mao, and Tengyush	66,400 57,614
Total	8,152,897 8,392,652

The Hongkong correspondent of the *Pingan Gazette* says:—The Acting Governor, H. E. Mr. May, has been appearing at a great many public functions of late and has been earning a popularity generally that rather discounts the somewhat hostile Press notices that appeared in the Coast papers at the time when he was appointed to the post of Colonial Secretary. He has made excellent appearances at various functions, and has gained universal approbation thereby. Mrs. May has made herself equally popular by her charming manner, and, indeed, it may be said that never has there been a more pleasant gubernatorial party than that which at present occupies Government House.

Mr. E. W. Birch, C.M.G., having arrived in Lou Lou from Borneo, made a brief statement as to the circumstances of his resignation of the Governorship of British North Borneo. The company at present declines to make any statement. Mr. Birch's voyage home was quite an exciting one. He travelled by the Nippon liner *Bingo Maru*, which was the last Japanese steamer to get through to the Mediterranean, the one following being recalled. "At Colombo," he said, "it was not known whether it would be safe to proceed to Port Said, and at the latter port we were told that war was imminent, and that we had six days to run to Marseilles. Accordingly the colour of the ship's funnel was altered, her name was changed, and the British flag was hoisted. Crete was passed at night, the ship carrying no lights whatever. The two Japanese cruisers passed quite close at night time."

H.M. gun vessel *Linnet*, which has been unemployed at Sheerness since her return from the Far East, has been condemned as unfit for further service, to be sold out of the Royal Navy.

The Austrian Government having decided to appoint a military attaché to the Austrian Legation at Tokyo, has nominated Captain Count Egon Mols Collarde-Mansfeld to the post. He was to leave for Tokyo at the end February.

The Japanese steamer *Wakasa Maru*, which arrived at Colombo on the 10th ult. on her way to Japan, and which was delayed in harbour owing to the outbreak of war, left on the 20th for Durban, whence she will discharge her cargo, and then proceed to Cardiff, round the Cape, to take coal to Japan.

The arrangements for German men-of-war on the Yangtze are that small gunboats and gunboats will patrol the stretch of the Yangtze from its mouth to Hankow, the gunboat *Vorwärts* will steam between Hankow and Ichang, while the *Vaterland* will do duty on the stretch from Ichang to Chungking.

We have received from Mr. Immanuel Peiffer a copy of the *Boston Evening News* of January 19, in which appears a short account of that somewhat eccentric character, George Francis Train, whose death, with an obituary, we published some weeks ago. The paper also contains a more or less decipherable "portrait" of Mr. Train.

Lord Henry Thynne, whose death occurred a few weeks ago, travelled in the Far East, spending some time in Hongkong (he was here in 1900), Shanghai, and Japan, where he left many friends who had appreciated his geniality. Simultaneously with the interment of the deceased at Finsbury, a memorial service was held at St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, London.

The *L. & C. Express* says:—Two years ago on 30th January the Anglo-Japanese Treaty was signed. "Do we regret it?" asks one paper. Seeing all that it yet portends—the integrity of China and the open door—we should say no. It is a curious reflection, however, that its signature was hailed as a great harbinger of peace in the Far East. Two years after, peace is at breaking strain, and yet it is the powerful instrument that will probably prevent an even greater blaze than that which at the moment seems about to break out. By continuing the issue to two belligerents and preventing such a coalition as was brought against Japan in 1895, it will have achieved much.

Manila does not have the monopoly of imaginative war news. In an Australian paper we see a telegram of the 17th ult. to the following effect:—The two new and powerful cruisers, the *Nashua* and *Kasuga*, built at Genoa for the Argentine Republic, and recently purchased by Japan, have been fully manned by Japanese officers and crews, and are now cruising in the Dutch Archipelago. It is stated that these cruisers—both very fast and powerful vessels—have been specially commissioned to watch for and cut off Russian transports belonging to what is known as the Russian Volunteer Fleet, several of which vessels are now on their way from Odessa to the Far East with troops and warlike stores. It is expected that both these cruisers will play an important part in hampering the Russian transport service.

The Russian battleship *Kniaz Potemkin Tavritchesky*, which was laid down more than six years ago at Nikolaisf, succeeded, just before the outbreak of war, in getting through her official trials satisfactorily, but beyond the bare statement that the designed horse-power (10,600) was considerably exceeded, no particulars as to speed, consumption of coal, &c., have been allowed to transpire. The length of time this has been under construction is equivalent to the loss of nearly one-third of her life of efficiency as against the average in the British construction of one-sixth or one-seventh. In our Navy, ships rarely attain to a "life of efficiency" of twenty years' duration, and such brevity of existence as efficient fighting machines and their ever-increasing cost render it desirable, not to say imperative, that the period under construction should be reduced by all possible means consistent with good and reliable workmanship. The same law obtains also in the Russians as in all other navies, and the Russian shipbuilders will have to shorten the time for construction if it is desired that that country should reap the fullest benefit of its outlay on its Navy. It is stated that the ship, machinery, armament, armour, and in fact the whole of the fittings, are entirely the products of Russian workshops, and made of Russian materials.

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon, on the Happy Valley, the Hongkong Football Club will play Gun Room Officers of the Fleet under Rugby rules. Kick-off at 4.30. The following will play for the Club:—

W. A. Crake, full back; Lieut. W. M. Black, Lieut. Crozier, V. de Paris, and A. M. Ember, three-quarters; J. P. Jordan and A. N. Otho, halves; E. R. Hollifax, A. Boyd, S. O. Else, Lieut. Duncan, Lieut. Dumbell, Lieut. Rogers, R. A. Schlanders, and H. F. Chard, forwards.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The Royal Engineers' Cup will be sailed for next Sunday, the 13th inst., starting from the line between the flag-boat and Kowloon Police Pier at 1.15 p.m. The course is as follows:—Mark-boat at Stonecutters' South Pier; Mark-boat off Green Island; Mark-b at off Stonecutters' South Pier; Mark-boat of Green Island; and finish at Stonecutters' South Pier. All the marks, excepting the finish, are to port. Regarding handicaps, *Vernon* and *Elephant* will allow *Diana* two minutes; *Alannah* five minutes; the One-Design Class 12 minutes; *Iris* 15½ minutes; *Gloria* and *Chanticleer* 17 minutes; and *Doreen* 20 minutes.

ROYAL ARTILLERY SPORTS.

The Royal Artillery Regimental Sports will take place on the 30th and 31st inst. On the latter day Colonel F. E. Kent and the officers of the R.A. will be at home between 3 and 6 p.m. on the ground at Happy Valley. The events will include:—

One Mile Flat Race, Half-mile Flat Race (H.K. and S.B.R.G.A.), Long Jump, Putting the Weight, Half-mile Flat Race, Trumpeters' Race, Tug-of-war (open), Hurdle Race, High Jump, 100 yards Flat Race, Wheel Race, Quarter-mile Flat Race, One Mile Flat Race (R.N., European Garrison and Police), Officers' Race (open), Putting the Weight (H.K. and S.B., R.G.A.), Veterans' Race, Sergeants' Race, Four-legged Race, Hand Race, and Boys' and Girls' Race (R.G.A. only).

MISCELLANEOUS.

R. W. Pearson joined on 12th February, J.

T. Dixon joined on 2nd March. Gauze J.

Dickie has been granted leave of absence for 9 months with effect from 25th March.

TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

JAPANESE ATTACK ON VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, 7th Mar., 10.55 a.m.

An official despatch to S. Petersburg

states that seven Japanese war vessels

bombarded Vladivostock for the space

of one hour on Sunday at long range.

No damage was done.

CRICKET,

ENGLAND'S BAD POSITION

LONDON, 7th Mar., 10.55 a.m.

England's first innings closed for 61 runs

against Australia's 247. Australia has

made 18 for three wickets in the second

innings. Hayward is down with tonsilitis

and may not take any further part in the

game.

COLLISION AT WOOSUNG.

P. & O. MAILBOAT DAMAGED.

FOOCHOW.
[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Foochow, 2nd March.

THE NEW YEAR.
It seems ancient history to talk of China New Year. The banks here followed Shanghai and were closed from the Tuesday to Saturday inclusive. Everything passed off very quietly save for the usual noisy shades that inspire gong-beating and crackers. We had brilliant weather. A shooting-party of 4 guns got a very good bag during the holidays at Santiao with 17 head of game, including 18 geese and 80 teal.

DEPARTURES.

Mr. S. M. Russell, of the Imperial Maritime Customs staff here, has been appointed Deputy Commissioner at Canton, and expects to leave for that port at the end of this week. Mr. Russell only came to Foochow some 15 months ago, direct from England, where he had been on furlough. Mr. Russell was previously attached to the Imperial College at Peking, where he spent some 21 years. Mr. and Mrs. Russell both went through the siege. I have just heard that Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hughes are also leaving the port at very short notice probably this week. Mr. Hughes has been H.B.M. Vice-Consul at Pagoda Anchorage, and has now been appointed to the British Consulate at Kiang-chow. Mr. Ch. Doyère, late of the Foochow Arsenal, left for Shanghai on his way to Europe per s.s. *Haezin*, on 27th inst.

BALL.

By invitation of the "Bachelor Maids" of the port, a Leap Year Ball was held at the Club on the 29th February. The costume was *bal masqué*, which lent itself to a most pleasing variety, whilst the rooms were beautifully decorated; and, in fact, as it was in the hands of the ladies, it goes without saying that the evening was a grand success. By the way, our programmes were red, and in the shape of an heart! I have not heard of any accidents to unwary or nervous bachelors as yet.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

CENTENARY MEETING.

Yesterday evening the centenary meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held in the City Hall. There was a good attendance. H.E. F. H. May, C.M.G., presided, and among others present were Mr. E. A. B. Ponsonby, Private Secretary to His Excellency; Right Rev. Bishop J. C. Heare, Rev. F. T. Johnson, Rev. J. H. France, Rev. F. Idey, Rev. T. W. Pearce, Rev. T. Wright, Rev. W. J. Southam, Rev. E. W. Hipwell, Rev. F. Blanchett, Rev. C. H. Hickling, Rev. W. Bridle, Rev. R. F. Gottschalk, Rev. R. Wells, and Professor Sharp. His Excellency in his presidential address referred to the good work done by the Society and reminded the audience that there was a deficit of something like a quarter of a million pounds to be met. Its work, he said, was to put the Bible into the hands of as many of the inhabitants of the world as possible and to let it speak for itself; surely no man could object to that? Rev. T. W. Pearce afterwards delivered an address reviewing the history of the Bible Society and pointing out its needs and aims. He remarked that the love of the Bible was one of the best guarantees for the solidarity of the Empire, and was thankful to God that the history of the Bible Society was contemporaneous with the history of our colonial expansion. Bishop Heare also addressed the meeting.

IS THE TSAR POWERLESS?

I, who know my Russia well and the powers that be in that Empire, say a writer in the *Globe*, am amused at the reports of the powers and intentions of the present Autocrat of All the Russias which are often published. The simple fact is that no Muscovite Emperor ever possessed less actual power than that wielded by his Imperial Majesty Nicholas II. He is a peacefully inclined young monarch and remarkably well intentioned; but he is the sport of the House of Romanoff and of those who are all powerful in the counsels of the Empire. He may think and he may dream; he may desire and he may propose; but he cannot perform. Correctly speaking, it is the Emperor alone who can declare war or who can say "Let it be peace"; but to tell the plain, unvarnished truth, the present Tsar is but the puppet, worked by stronger hands who hold the strings. Everything will be done in the name of the Tsar. The glory or the blame of it all will be his, and yet how small will be his personal responsibility, and how well he knows it! The Tsarina's instincts are liberal and progressive, and her husband, so great in his belief in her, would endorse her views and policy unhesitatingly were it not for those august relations of his, and the formidable Council of Nobles. The Tsarina, all-powerful with her husband, proposes, and the Tsar's uncles dispossess. Of all the Romanoff relations the most autocratic, and at the same time the most powerful, is the Grand Duke Alexia. He is beloved by the navy, of which he is the chief looked up to by the nobles, and worshipped by the common people. His brother, the late Tsar, alone was strong enough to soften his rough humours and bend his powerful will. He was antagonistic to the liberal and pacific policy of M. Witte, and in the end M. Witte was retired. He it was who induced the Tsar to appoint Admiral Alexieff Viceroy of the Far East, with powers never before given to anyone outside of the Imperial family. He entirely disapproves of the views held by the Tsarina, and thwarts her in every possible way. He has never, it is understood, been in favour of peace, but of war. However well intentioned the Tsar may be, however much he may be under the influence of his wife, who is all for peace, the last word will be with the Grand Duke Alexia.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE 30TH JANUARY ANNIVERSARY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 5th March.

Sir.—Your paragraph of news relating to the observance of this anniversary in London should interest not a few adherents of Church and monarchy. While avowed Jacobites mark this day with affection, the Church everywhere, and not only a local City church, is bound in faithfulness to note this day in some measure. By such attention Churchmen are not of necessity committed to any political party whatever.

While gatherings of men of mutual shires and schools abound in Hongkong, does not this day remind us that a gathering for historical debate or discussion embracing men of the Thistle and the Rose, be it white or red, is still lacking, and we still live only in and for the present—Yours truly,

PAVIMENTO.

NOTES FROM THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

The last few days of damp, mild weather have put now life into vegetation, and leaves and flowers have appeared as if by magic. The tint of the young leaves of many of the trees and shrubs are as variable and as highly coloured as the autumn tints of the trees in the old country. Many a time have we mistaken the young leaves of a *Ternstroemia* for the brightly coloured flowers of *Rhododendron indicum*, for it is only by getting to close quarters that the difference can be seen. This is only one example; anyone who takes an interest in wandering over the hills of the island and the New Territory will be able to supply many others.

Rhododendron ferrugineum, which delights in growing in such exposed positions as Victoria Peak and Mt. Parker, is now in flower. The colour of the flowers is pale purple, and, on account of this, the plants can be easily detected at this time of the year.

Rhododendron indicum will be in flower a little later, although a few cultivated specimens are already to be seen.

A very pretty, but a very common, shrub may also be found in flower on the hillsides. This is *Raphiolepis indica*, a shrub with ivory-white flowers borne in small panicles at the ends of the branches. There are several specimens now at their best in various parts of the gardens. We heard it called locally "India may" from its resemblance, somewhat, to the common hawthorn.

POLICE COURT.

Monday, 7th March.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ATTEMPT TO STOWAWAY.

Hun Chung and nineteen Chinese compatriots were discovered stowed away on Saturday, on the *Chun Sang*, just prior to her departure for Singapore. They had no tickets and no money with which to pay their passages, and they were accordingly handed over to the Water Police, and yesterday placed before His Worship. They said they were poor men and could get no work, but thought they could do so in Singapore, and so wanted to go there. They were remanded in custody, and recommended for banishment.

A FEMALE THIEF.

Ho Hung, a somewhat youthful boatwoman, was arraigned on the charge of being in unlawful possession of one bag of rice containing 220 lbs. and valued at \$8.50, the property of Wing Kee, merchant of Bonham Road. The rice had been entrusted to her to take on board a steamer in the harbour, but on its non-receipt being reported to the owner, a search was made, and the bag was found secreted in the prisoner's boat, open, and a portion of the contents extracted. The woman had nothing to say in her defence, and was sent to 1 month's hard labour.

CRUELTY TO FOWLS.

Lam Kong, a cock, was charged with causing unnecessary suffering to twelve fowls, by carrying them all hunched up together by their legs, with their heads down. Result, \$5 or 7 days.

RUGGABLY.

Mak Sam, a coolie, unemployed, was charged with burglariously entering No. 12 Kat On Street, the residence of Cheung Man, a widow, and making off with a box and some clothing, of the aggregate value of \$5. Prisoner said he did not steal the box; he only wanted to see what was in it. However, he admitted two previous convictions, and His Worship sent him to 1 month's hard labour, 4 hours in the stocks, and recommended him for banishment.

OPIUM.

A large number of Chinese were convicted of being in unlawful possession of various quantities of opium in excess of those permitted by their permits. Result, fines varying from \$3 to \$25.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

George Brown, American, unemployed, was arrested on Saturday for being drunk and incapable in Queen's Road, and taken to the lock-up. While there, awaiting his trial, when he sobered up, he managed to secure the key of a jam-tin, and with this he attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat. He inflicted a severe but not fatal wound. Placed before His Worship yesterday, he said that he had spent all his money, "that was why he did it." He was remanded to the House of Detention, and committed to the doctor's care

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 7th March

IN SUMMARY JUDICITION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

CLAIM BY THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA.

Before the Chief Justice and a special jury a case was heard in which the National Bank of China sought to recover from Chee On and Co., coal-merchants, 22, Li Yuen East Street, and Chan Lui Chiu, of Kobe, the sum of \$64,000 odd due on bills of exchange drawn in Japan for payment in Hongkong, which were dishonoured, and charges incurred in connection therewith.

Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. H. W. Looker, of Messrs Deacon, Looker, and Deacon), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist), appeared for the defendants.

The following special jury was empanelled:

Messrs H. E. R. Hunter (Hongkong and Shanghai Bank), W. M. Watson (J. W. Hutchinson and Company), W. J. Saunders (Union Insurance Company), F. H. A. Fuchs (Siemens and Company), C. H. Thompson (Ross and Company), N. Mumford (Lloyd's Register), and A. Howard (Sassoon & Co.).

The pleadings showed that the two defendants were brothers, one trading under the title of Chee On and Company, in Hongkong, while the other, Chan Lui Chiu, carried on business in Japan. For some years past Chan Lui Chiu had been sending shipments of coal from Japan to his brother in Hongkong, and it was his practice to draw bills of exchange on the National Bank of China against these shipments. From 1898 to 1901 about \$90,000 have been drawn in this way, and all the bills were duly accepted and paid by Chee On and Company. In May, June, and July, 1901, the bills, forming the subject matter of this action, were drawn, and amounted to about \$64,000, but were dishonoured. The brother in Japan had not sent any coal down during those months, and consequently his brother in Hongkong refused to pay the bills. When the first bill was dishonoured the defendant deposited with the Bank in Kobe as security the title-deed for the mining rights he had. The defendant apparently held these deeds, as mortgages from the owner Soga Kenjiro. It was then arranged that defendant should execute a formal transfer of his mortgage when called upon to do so by the Bank. Thenceforth several interviews were held between the defendant and the Bank, in which defendant took up a position that he would pay, but wanted time. Finally, instead of executing a formal assignment, it was arranged that defendant should procure from Soga Kenjiro a new mortgage made direct with the Bank leaving him out of the mortgage. This mortgage had been made, with several special provisions, under which defendant undertook certain obligations which were clearly set forth. So far no money had been paid, either for the dishonoured bills, or for the charges incurred in connection with them.

In his statement of defence, Chan Lui Chiu admitted that in consideration of advances made to him by the plaintiff he agreed that the amounts should be sent to and paid to the plaintiff in Hongkong, but he denied that the documents were bills of exchange as alleged. He made various allegations against plaintiff of unnecessary delay and negligence, and denied that he was liable as surety or in any other respect under the mortgage.

To this plaintiff replied that the execution of the two mortgages was the wrongful act of Soga Kenjiro in breach of the terms of the mortgage of 27th August, 1901, and maintained that Chan Lui Chiu was bound jointly with Soga Kenjiro respecting the fulfilment of the terms of that mortgage.

Mr. Sharp, K.C., read the pleadings and said that upon them the following issue was settled—Assuming for the purpose of this issue that the translation of the mortgage, dated 27th August, 1901, is a true translation of the said mortgage, and that the law of Japan allows priority to mortgages of the same property according to their respective dates of registration, is the bank entitled under the said mortgage to recover from Chan Lui Chiu such portion of \$2,000 yen thereby secured as is claimed in the action? He went on to say that notwithstanding the ordinary business of the road is entirely suspended, and not a freight of freight is moved or a civilian passenger carried; the forty-eight-pound rails of the track prove equal to the emergency, and there is not a break anywhere in the arrangements. With all this granted, the question is, will 40,000 men a month meet Russia's needs?

"But there is already a good-sized army in Manchuria, they say, with immense quantities of military stores. The popular belief is

that Russia has myriads of men in the Far East. They have been 'poured' in for years. Russia is always 'pouring' her troops. Five years ago the commonest subject of gossip along the China coast was the Russian Volunteer fleet. Every ship that passed up toward Vladivostok was a troop transport, and men were even then being poured into the Russian possessions—at the rate of perhaps a thousand a month. At least one-third of the road's power must be devoted to the transportation of supplies and forage. Probably not more than 40,000 men of all arms, and fairly equipped, could be forwarded in a month.

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question for the jury would be: having regard to the contract between these people, was the Bank guilty of negligence? He would submit that it was not, and that it was therefore entitled to their verdict.

Evidence was then taken, and in the afternoon an adjournment was made.

LOST ON HONGKONG ISLAND.

A MIDNIGHT RAMBLE.

Mr. Alex Marsh once told me that he lost his way in the course of a walk on the island of Hongkong, and as he had a better knowledge of the island's roads than anyone else I ever knew there is a certain amount of consideration due towards two luckless colonists who had a similar experience on the farther side of our Rock two nights ago. We walked out by Tytam to near Stanley, and the going was pretty hard. Unfortunately we put off the return journey until it was dark, confident in our knowledge of the road over the hill to get back home well before midnight. An old Chinaman came with us as a guide. He carried a lantern which just served to make darkness visible. At the top of the first hill we gave him twenty cents, and telling him to go back to his bed, hid us on our way again. To our cost we found that we had done a very unwise thing in dispensing with his services. In wandering up the crooked path we happened to take the wrong turning at some point or other, and while we walked along under the impression that we were dipping down into the Happy Valley we suddenly awoke to the fact, born in upon us by the strange configuration of the land, that we had been travelling not towards Hongkong but away from it. A reference to our watches acquainted us that it was now past midnight. We were high up on the hillside, and beneath us there was a broad bay. The road on which we journeyed was invisible for more than twenty yards in front, but the bay was resplendent with phosphorescence. As wave after wave broke on the shore and spread out into gleaming silver, the scene was out to entrance the eye. Some how or other it brought to my mind Wordsworth's lines commemorative of the sea of daffodils that met his gaze in one of his beloved glades—

And still my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

However, the Buffalo who was the companion of my walk disturbed all semblance of sentimentalism by a very realistic proposition—namely, that we should go down to the beach and have a bathe. A midnight bathe! It seems a strange proceeding now that it can be looked back upon, but it was more enjoyable than many a midsummer swim I have had in the Ouse's upper reaches. It was like bathing in molten silver, for every dip of the hand was followed by a phosphorescent streak, and the water was pleasantly warm. While we were engaged in the subsequent ordeal of drying ourselves without towels an old Chinese fisherman came up and accosted us. Probably he thought we were evil spirits. At least he called us *Faa-kwei*. As the result of a ragged conversation and twenty cents the ancient one volunteered to set us on the straight road for Hongkong, and we gladly availed ourselves of his assistance. We accordingly went to his hut on the beach—it was about as big as a hen-coop—and waited while he had a preparatory smoke. One blessing he was able to afford us was a box of matches, but he could not give us *chu*. From what we could make out—he spoke Hakka—it was apparent that we had landed in the neighbourhood of Saiwan Bay, not far from Lyemun Pass.

It was very dark when we started out to climb the hills under the crenelation of our fisherman. He was a good walker and took us along at a fair pace for about five or six miles. Then we descended into a valley. In the distance was a light. We struck off the roadway and made for the light. It was a little after one o'clock. The light turned out to be the glare from the window of a house. There was a Chinaman in it, and we asked him for a drink of tea or water. He gave us some water, and then made the startling announcement that there were two "European gentlemen" at the other end of the hut.

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [683]

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [128]

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AT CITY HALL.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 687,500 0 0

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Hongkong, 19th June, 1903.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]
Canton, 5th March.
VICEROY SHUM.

The Imperial Chinese Government having given Viceroy Shum a further period of six months for the entire suppression of the Kwangsi rebellion, His Excellency is doing all he can to raise money to buy ammunition, charter ships, and send soldiers to Kwangsi; but for the present he is not going himself. He will see how things get on before he goes again. He is completely recovered in health, and was able to make official calls upon the Council in Shamen the other day. It is said that by his order the Governor Aw Fung-si of Kwangsi is imposing a poll tax upon the inhabitants of Kwangsi of three cash per head, which is being collected every day, his object being to distract the good from the disorderly people. Wuchow went on strike days ago; the Viceroy sent up 5,000 soldiers to suppress the disorder. If he continues in his present régime and imposes a poll tax also in Kwangtung there soon will be another rebellion.

HEAVY FINES.

All the gambling concerns and lottery money-pits are in trouble, having to pay heavy fines to the high officials. Li Sui-kwei, the late fentanyl monopolist, who is accused of the embezzlement of the fentanyl revenue, and of bribing the clerks at the last examination to suppress the names of the successful candidates, is forced to pay 500,000 taels. He has consented to pay 400,000, and the difference will be made up by his friends. The late Magistrate Pin King-fuk, who is accused of malfeasance in office, in final 120,000 taels and is to be released on payment of it, and several other officials are also required to pay. Since the Viceroy has come to Canton he has disgraced over seventy officials. The military who are deprived of their customary squeezes from the gambling houses are very much dissatisfied.

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[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO".]

On account of the rebellion and famine in Kwangsi an enormous sum has been spent to restore peace and relieve the sufferers. In fact nearly all the money was drawn from the province of Kwangtung, either by subscription, or from the Kwangtung Treasury, which has been consequently quite exhausted. The revenue of Kwangsi itself was nil last year. Though the famine has now disappeared rebellion has not been completely suppressed. As pecuniary assistance is still greatly required to defray the heavy expenses of keeping a large army for the protection of the places, and where order has been restored to prevent revolts by the rebels, Governor Aw of Kwangsi determined to impose a poll tax of three cash per day, and to increase the lekia taxes. The latter has been met with strong opposition from all classes of merchants, who have been already heavily taxed, and moreover have met with very hard times. As it was in vain to reason with the governor, the merchants have determined to go on strike. This, it is said, started in Wuchow on the 25th ultimo. Many letters have been received from parts of Kwangsi by the Kwangtung merchants, telling them to stop sending goods thither.

Rewards.—One inspector was awarded a gold conduct medal for good work done during the epidemic of plague. One insp. etc., two Indian sergeants, two Chinese sergents, and one Chinese constable were granted gold conduct medals for long and faithful service, and two Chinese constables for good work done in the New Territory. One Chinese sergeant and two constables were granted rewards for energy and zeal in making arrests of robbers and thieves, and one Chinese constable for prompt action in the arrest case of No. 205 Queen's Road Central.

THE NEW TERRITORY.

Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Acting Deputy Superintendent, reported that during the year there were 14 Europeans, 96 Indians, and 43 Chinese with 10 boatmen stationed in the New Territory on land, up to September; after September the number of Indians was reduced to 80, while another crew of five boatmen was added. The increase in the gang robberies from 11 in 1902 to 18 in 1903 was not due to general relapse, but was the work especially of two particular gaols: most of the members of both have been arrested and convicted. The last two months of the year showed an immediate improvement in consequence.

EDUCATION.

Mr. A. W. Grant, assistant-in-charge of the Police School, reported that during the year, the school was open on 98 days, with a total attendance of 4,236, giving a daily average attendance of 43.2. As in former years, two examinations for European police constables were held. At one 10 men presented themselves and 8 passed, and at the other 7 men presented themselves and 4 passed. The total number of men on the Roll during 1903 was 377, made up as follows:—European Police Constables, 36; Indian Police Constables, 159; Gaol Staff, 61; Chinese Police Constables, 137; Garden Boys, 3.

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HONGKONG POLICE REPORT.

The report of Capt. F. W. Lyons, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, for the year 1903 is published in the *Gazette*. We make the following extracts:—

The total of all cases reported was 11,251, as against 10,421 in 1902, being an increase of 830, 7.96 per cent. In the division of these cases into serious and minor offences, there appears an increase, as compared with 1902, of 83 cases, or 21.53 per cent. in the former, and a decrease of 35 cases, or 51 per cent. in the latter. The increase was chiefly in respect of larceny. Larcenies by servants were numerous. In some of the more serious cases the police were successful in tracing the thieves and recovering most of the property stolen. The value of the property reported stolen during the year was \$228,051.37, and the value of the property recovered by the police and restorers to owners was \$22,941.16. In some of the more serious cases the police were successful in tracing the thieves and recovering most of the property stolen; it would greatly assist the police in such cases if it were customary for persons when engaging servants to obtain their photographs and their names, parents' names, and addresses in Chinese characters—60 gamblers warrants were executed. One thousand six hundred and twenty-three search warrants for prepared opium were executed by the police and excise officers of the Opium Farmer. In 611 cases opium was found, and 703 persons were arrested.

Conduct.—The number of reports against Europeans was 107, as against 87 in 1902; of these, 25 were for drunkenness, as against 21 in the previous year; 5 for asleep on duty as against 2; 7 for disorderly conduct and fighting; and 1 for sitting down on duty, as against 3 and 2 respectively; and 14 for neglect of duty as against 4 last year. The conduct of the constabulary was poor on the whole, and only 4 men had to pay 400,000, and the difference will be made up by his friends. The late Magistrate Pin King-fuk, who is accused of malfeasance in office, in final 120,000 taels and is to be released on payment of it, and several other officials are also required to pay. Since the Viceroy has come to Canton he has disgraced over seventy officials. The military who are deprived of their customary squeezes from the gambling houses are very much dissatisfied.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Mar. 6, KWANGSI, British str., 1,223 A. Harris, Shanghai 3rd March, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.
Mar. 7, ANDRE RICHMERS, German str., 1,000, H. Kohl, Bangkok 29th Feb., Kice.— NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.
Mar. 7, ALMAND BEHIC, French str., 2,818 Blandin, Marseille 7th Feb., and Suez 4th March, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
Mar. 7, AUSTRIALIEN, French str., 2,900, Edo Guigues, Yokohama 27th Feb., General.— MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
Mar. 7, CENTURION, British battleship, from Mars Bay.
Mar. 7, ICARIA, Italian str., 2,784, Magazzini Bante, Singapore 1st Feb., General.— CARLOWITZ & Co.
Mar. 7, TEITOS, German str., 1,033, H. Kraft, Swatow 6th March, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.
Mar. 7, ZAFIRO, British str., 1,611, R. Rodger, Manila 8th March, General.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

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7th March.Brunhilde, German str., for Samarang.
Thales, British str., for Swatow.
Triumph, German str., for Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

7th March.

ARMAND BEHIC, French str., for Shanghai.
ASCOT, British str., for Kobe.
ABEL BELD, German str., for Yokohama.
QUARTA, German str., for Takao.
VICTORIA, Swedish str., for Kobe.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

7th March.

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VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Feb. 12, German str., Bielefeld, Krause, Feb.
from Tianjin for Batavia.
Feb. 12, Dutch str., Sindora, Guthrie, Jan. 10,
from Rotterdam for Batavia.
Feb. 14, Norwegian str., Hugin, from Bombay for
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LONDON & ANTWERP	AJAX	Brit. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	15th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BONERO	Brit. str.	G. W. Gordon	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	About 17th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	PAR LIN	Brit. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	29th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MACHAON	Brit. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	12th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	TELEKACHUS	Brit. str.	R. Guignes	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	26th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	AUSTRALIEN	Fren. str.	G. Meiners	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	To-day, at 1 P.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	ROON	Ger. str.	Miltzaff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	2nd inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	BAMBERG	Ger. str.	Lutung	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	23rd inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	5th April.
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LONDON & ANTWERP	KENNEDY	Brit. str.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	To-morrow.
LONDON & ANTWERP	E. OF JAPAN	Brit. str.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	27th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.			16th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	VICTORIA	Brit. str.	J. Truebridge		24th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	NINGCHOW	Brit. str.			24th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	INDRASAMHA	Brit. str.			10th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	EASTERN	Brit. str.			8th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	CHINTU	Brit. str.			About 8th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	MALACCA	Brit. str.			To-morrow, Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	BRISGAVIA	Brit. str.			10th inst., at 4 P.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	SAXONIA	Brit. str.			To-day, at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	BAERMAR	Brit. str.			21st inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	CHINGTU	Brit. str.			To-day, at 6 A.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	KWANGSI	Brit. str.			About 13th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	SIMLA	Brit. str.			To-day, at 10 A.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	TRIUMPH	Brit. str.			13th inst., 10 A.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	TRENTOS	Brit. str.			20th inst., 10 A.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	M. STRUVE	Brit. str.			To-morrow, 10 A.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	T. BEARD	Brit. str.			10th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	T. BRANDT	Brit. str.			About 9th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	H. A. HARALDSON	Brit. str.			10th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	HODGINS	Brit. str.			11th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP	T. W. GARLICK	Brit. str.			12th inst., 10 A.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	W. ELLIS	Brit. str.			12th inst., 10 A.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	R. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	19th inst., 10 A.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP	RUBI	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	19th inst., 10 A.M.
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TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW	M. STRUVE "AMOY"	MARCH, at 10 A.M.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW	T. BEARD	SUNDAY, 13th
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW	H. A. HARALDSEN "TRIUMPH"	SUNDAY, 20th

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T. ARIMA, Manager

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FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 8th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NINGCHOW"	On 22nd March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 24th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 31st March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 5th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 10th April.

HOMEBWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	"AJAX"	On 15th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLE and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 15th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"PAKLING"	On 29th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	On 12th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLE and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 20th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 26th April.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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The ss. "TELEMACHus" left Singapore on the 3rd inst., at noon, and is due here on the 8th inst.		
The ss. "TYDEUS" left Victoria B.C. on the 21st inst., for Japan and Hongkong.		

For Freight, apply to—
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Hongkong, 4th March, 1904.

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STEAMERS	TO SAIL
KANSU	On 10th March.
KAIFONG	On 11th March.
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Hongkong, 8th March, 1904.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Steamship

"EASTERN."

Captain W. Ellis will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 10th inst., at NOON.

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For Passage, apply to—
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Hongkong, 6th March, 1904.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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THE Steamship

"EASTERN."

Captain Stabile will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd March.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to—

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Princes' Building, Hongkong, 29th February, 1904.

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Captain Geo. R. Wallace will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 23rd inst.

For Freight or further information, apply to—

**STANDARD OIL COMPANY
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Hongkong, 2nd March, 1904.

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Meals ... 1.00 each.

The steamer's wharf is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

For further particulars, apply to—

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The Pharmacy, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 15th February, 1904.

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1 lb. to 2 lbs.	\$1.15
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Greatest length 2 feet. Greatest length and girth 4 feet.

No Insurance.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalny and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.

The *Sincla*, with the English mail of 12th ult., left Singapore on Sunday, the 4th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here or about Friday, the 11th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 12th January.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR PER DATE

Canton	Hankow	Tuesday, 8th, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Thales	Tuesday, 8th, 9.00 A.M.
Triumph	Tuesday	8th, 9.00 A.M.
Brunnells	Tuesday	8th, 9.00 A.M.
Iraemar	Tuesday	8th, 10.00 A.M.
Edendale	Tuesday	8th, 10.00 A.M.

(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)

(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)

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Shanghai

Manila

Kongmooon, Kunchuk and Samshui

Saigon

Nanmiao

Sanbue

Macao

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Canton

Manile

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Nanmiao

TO D.A.Y.

Sale, Stores, H.M. Naval Yard, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 10 a.m.

Sale, Ponies, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lam, met 5 p.m.

Boxing, City Hall, 9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Ordinary General Meeting of Geo. Fenwick & Co. Ltd., noon.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

7th March

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer 1/10th
Bank Bills, on demand 1/10th
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 1/10th
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1/10th
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1/10th
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 1/11th

ON PARIS.— Bank Bills, on demand 235
Credits, at 4 months' sight 239¹

ON GERMANY.— (On day and 191)

ON NEW YORK.— Bank Bills, on demand 45¹
Credits, 60 days' sight 46¹

ON LONDON.— Telegraphic Transfer 134²
Bank, on demand 139

ON CALCUTTA.— Telegraphic Transfer 188³
Bank, on demand 139

ON SHANHAII.— Bank, at sight 71
Private, 60 days' sight 71²

ON YOKOHAMA.— On demand 92

ON MANILA.— On demand Nominal.

ON SINGAPORE.— On demand Nominal.

ON BATAVIA.— On demand 112⁴

ON HAIPHONG.— On demand 14¹ p.m.

ON SAIGON.— On demand 13 p.m.

ON BANGKOK.— On demand 62

SOVEREIGN'S, Bank's Buying Rate 10¹ 10²

GOLD LEA., 100 lbs., per tael 56²

DAT SIL 3, net oz. 264

OPIUM.

7th March.

Quotations are:— Allow co net, to 1 catty.
Malwa New \$300 to \$292 per picul
Malwa Old \$250 to \$270
Malwa Older \$1650 to \$1670
Malwa V. Old \$1100 to \$1120
Persian fine quality \$300 to —
Persian extra fine \$300 to —
Patna New \$1261 to — per chet.
Patna Old — to —
Banaras New \$1247 to —
Banaras Old — to —

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The steamer *Arrafon Apur*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 2nd inst., p.m. The Indo-China steamer *Kumsang* left Callao for this port via the Straits on the 27th ult., and may be expected here on the 13th inst.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Sainte* left Singapore for this port on the 6th inst., at 3 p.m., and is due here on the 11th inst., at 3 p.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Gaule*, from San Francisco to the 10th ult., via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port on the 1st inst., a.m., via Inland Sea, &c.

The P.M. steamer *Chine* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 26th ult.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 23rd ult., p.m., for Hong Kong via the usual ports of call.

MECHANT STEAMERS.

The Ben Line steamer *Bendlech*, from Loith and London, left Singapore on the 2nd inst. for this port.

The H.A.L. steamer *Saxonia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 2nd inst., p.m., and is due here on the 8th inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Telamachus* left Singapore on the 3rd inst., at noon, and is due here on the 8th inst.

The steamer *Saxat Beda* left Singapore for Manila on the 29th ult., en route to this port.

The E. & A. steamer *Australian*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 1st inst., for Manila and this port.

The P. & A. steamer *Indrasenma*, from Portland (Or.), arrived at Yokohama at 4 p.m. on the 3rd inst., and is expected here on the 15th inst.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Pleides* sailed from Tacoma on the 2nd Jan. for Japan ports and Port Arthur.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 7th March.

COMPANY	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & Shai.	\$125	\$610, sellers
Nati Bank of China	\$8	\$64, buyers
A. Shares	\$8	\$61, buyers
Foun. Shares	\$1	\$10.
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	\$10	\$10, nominal
Canton-Hongkong Ice	\$10	\$10, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$12	\$11, buyers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$6.
China Light and Power Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$8.80, sellers
China Sugar	\$100	\$107, buyers
Cigar Companies	\$500	\$120.
Athabasca, Ltd.	10	\$10, buyers
Philippines	10	\$10, buyers
Cotton Mills	100	Fl. 33, sellers
International	10	Fl. 25.
Lao Kung Mow	10	Fl. 32.
Soychie	10	Fl. 17.
Hongkong	\$10	\$110, sellers
Dairy Farm	\$8	\$12.
Green Island Cement	\$25	\$31.
Hongkong & C. Co.	\$10	\$140, buyers
Hongkong Hope	\$10	\$150, sellers
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$124, buyers
Canton	\$50	176, sales & sol.
China Fire	\$60	\$90, sellers
China Traders	\$25	\$105, buyers
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$100, buyers
North China	25	Fl. 67.
Yangtze	100	\$135.
Land and Building	100	\$145, sales
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$10	\$104, buyers
Humphreys E.	\$20	\$21.
Kowloon Land & West Point Building	300	\$135, sellers
Shanghai Land	350	\$145, sellers
Luzon Sugar	100	\$10, sellers
Charbonnages	Feas. 250	\$600, sellers
Punjab	\$11	\$11, sellers
Raubs	10	25cts.
New Amye Dock	\$64	\$17, buyers
Powell, Ltd.	\$10	\$11, sellers
Steamship Cos.	\$10	\$12, sellers
China and Manila	\$50	\$123, sellers
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$12, sellers
H. & Caton and M.	\$15	\$271, sellers
Indo-China S. N.	\$10	\$185, buyers
South Transport and Trading Co.	\$1	\$198, sellers
Do. Preference	\$10	\$10, nominal
Star Ferry	\$10	\$184, sellers
S.C.F. Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Fls. 138.
S. & H. Dyeing & Co., Ltd.	\$50	\$50.
Starbank Planting Co.	\$5	\$1, sellers
United Asbestos	\$1	\$9.
Watkins, Ltd.	\$10	\$120, buyers
Watkins & Co., A.S.	\$10	\$14, sellers

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11.00 A.M.

1.15 P.M.

3.00 P.M.

3.00 P.M.

4.00 P.M.

5.00 P.M.

5.00 P.M.

5.00 P.M.

7.30 A.M.

8.00 A.M.

9.00 A.M.

10.00 A.M.